

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled).

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment ~~or prevention of psoriasis with skin affection~~ in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal chondroitin sulfate obtained from enzymatic hydrolysis of animal cartilage.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein said animal cartilage is selected from the group consisting of bovine, porcine and cartilaginous fish cartilage.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein said alkaline metal chondroitin sulfate is sodium chondroitin sulfate.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said sodium chondroitin sulfate has an average molecular weight between 10,000 and 40,000 daltons.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said sodium chondroitin sulfate has an average molecular weight between 10,000 and 20,000 daltons.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein said sodium chondroitin sulfate has a sulfur content of 5% to 7% weight/weight, on anhydrous base.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein said administering is oral administering.

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Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein said administering is topical administering.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein said effective amount is from 200 and 3,000 mg of sodium chondroitin sulfate per day.